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FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 50 million pounds during the January - March quarter of 2006. This was up 2 million pounds from the same quarter last year and up 1 million pounds from the October - December 2005 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 13,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES -- Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year.

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